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PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS OF

HIGHLY TETRAHEDRAL AMORPHOUS CARBON AND METHODS FOR THEIR

PRODUCTION

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each is enclosed.

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